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1. WE DO NOT REPEAT NOT UNDERSTAND BULGARIAN OBJECTIVES IN SUGGESTING A BILATERAL AGREEMENT ON VETERINARY AND SANITATION PROCEDURES. NATIONS INVOLVED IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE OF LIVESTOCK AND LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS GENERALLY REQUIRE ADHERENCE TO SPECIFIC LAWS GOVERNING ENTRANCE OF THESE PRODUCTS. THIS PARTICULARLY RELEVANT IN U.S. CASE.

2. ON MAY 15, 1970, THE MEAT INSPECTION SYSTEM OF BULGARIA WAS DETERMINED TO BE EQUAL TO THE INSPECTION PROGRAM IN THE U.S. AND BULGARIA BECAME ELIGIBLE TO EXPORT TO THE U.S.

3. IMPORTATION INTO THIS COUNTRY OF LIVESTOCK IS STRICTLY DETERMINED BY LAWS AND REGULATIONS WHICH DO NOT LEND THEMSELVES TO BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS. EXAMPLE WOULD BE PROHIBITION OF DIRECT IMPORTS OF SWINE OR CATTLE FROM BULGARIA BECAUSE WE HAVE NOT FOUND IT FREE OF FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE.

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4. YOU MAY WISH TO ADVISE BULGARIANS, SHOULD THIS MATTER
ARISE AGAIN, THAT U.S. PREPARED TO DISCUSS AND EXPLAIN ANY
FACET OF ITS VETERINARY AND SANITARY REGULATIONS WHICH MAY
BE UNCLEAR TO GOB. KISSINGER

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